

# Aissatou Barry

Brooklyn, New York

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## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Housing Attorney Trainer**

*The Legal Aid Society · Oct. 2021 - Present*

- Draft, edit, and update training materials including presentations, practice manuals, and outlines for new and experienced attorneys;
- Create, facilitate and produce CLE trainings for staff and community advocates on topics including Housing 101, Drafting Answers, Case Management & File Maintenance, Holdovers, Post-Judgment Practice, Litigating First Impression Issues, Public Benefits, and Building an Anti-Racist Workplace;
- Maintain a database of Housing decisions of note with assistance from students at Columbia Law School;
- Provide updated materials and information related to changes and significant decisions in housing law; and
- Lead and facilitate internal and citywide advocate trainings for attorneys, paralegals, and case workers with groups ranging from 15-75 and 100-400 attendees.

### **Adjunct Professor**

*Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law · January 2023 - April 2023*

- Co-create and teach a seminar course for students participating in the Housing Justice Field Clinic
- Develop a syllabus guiding students through the historical and ethical framework for understanding housing justice, competency skills around community and client engagement, commonly litigated issues in housing court and administrative agencies, and the impact of legislative and policy advocacy related to housing justice.

### **Adjunct Professor**

*CUNY School of Law · January 2022 - July 2023*

- Guide 1Ls in the Lawyering Seminar course through attorney simulations including conducting legal research, conducting client intake and counseling, negotiating, drafting an interoffice memo and a pre-answer motion to dismiss and participating in a corresponding oral argument, and
- Developed class lessons that combined learning the skills in the simulations, improving legal analysis skills, and anchoring class discussions in social justice and professional responsibility.

### **Grammar Instructor**

*Legal Outreach, Inc. · Sep. 2015 - May 2023*

- Teach and guide 9th and 10th grade students through the basics of English grammar through note taking, student-led teaching, group exercises and class competitions

## PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Housing Staff Attorney**

*The Legal Aid Society · Dec. 2017 - Oct. 2021*

- Drafted answers and pretrial motions including motions for dismissal, discovery, and summary judgment;
- Argued motions in court and negotiate terms of settlement with opposing counsel;
- Advocated on behalf of tenants for public benefits and rental arrears acquirement with government agencies, charities, and other non-profits;
- Provided guidance to attorneys and paralegals seeking to obtain public assistance shelter subsidies for tenants as a member of a specialized housing subsidy team (FHEPS);
- Developed and led a curriculum for summer legal interns and new attorney hires using different media sources; and
- Participated in various inter-office committees focused on intern hiring and supervision, office morale, and management hiring.

**Associate Attorney***White, Fleischner, & Fino, LLP · Dec. 2016 - Dec. 2017*

- Drafted pretrial motions including motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss, compel, and reargue in relation to insurance defense claims; and
- Appeared in NYS Supreme Court to argue and negotiate during preliminary, compliance, and motion conferences.

**Associate Attorney***Reibman & Weiner, LLP · Oct. 2015 - Dec. 2016*

- Second chaired federal Section 1983 Civil Rights and NYS personal injury trials;
- Drafted opening and closing statements, direct and cross examinations, motions in limine, voir dire, jury instructions, verdict sheets, and coordinated all evidence production during trial;
- Drafted complaints, discovery demands and disclosures, settlement letters, and motions for summary judgment in relation to police misconduct claims; and
- Prepared clients for and represent clients at administrative 50-h hearings.

**EDUCATION****Juris Doctorate, 2015 *Washington University School of Law***

- Dean's Service Award, 2015
- Equal Justice Works Award, 2015

**Bachelor of Arts, 2011, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*****PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- NYC Families Caught in Rent Aid Catch-22 Sue to Sidestep State Blockade, [The City](#), February 8, 2021

**SELECT PRESENTATIONS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

- Panelist, "Good Cause Eviction Training", New York State Bar Association 2022 Partnership Conference, Albany, New York, October 20, 2022
- Panelist, "Common Rental Subsidies Important to Low-Income Clients" Practising Law Institute, New York City, October 14, 2022
- Panelist, "Obtaining and Maintaining Cash Assistance for Basic Needs and Rental Assistance" Practising Law Institute, New York City, June 15, 2022
- Co-Presenter, "One Shot Deals", Housing Court Answers, New York City, April 7, 2022
- Co-Presenter, "Housing Vouchers", Housing Court Answers, New York City, April 6, 2022
- Co-Presenter, "Housing Resources", P.S. 191 and 196, Bronx, New York, February 17, 2022
- Presenter, "Rental Arrears", Bronx Health & Housing Consortium, Bronx, New York, November 16, 2021

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- NYC Service AmeriCorps Alum Impact Award 2019, Office of the Mayor - NYC Service
- Jonathan Lippman Access to Justice Fellowship Class of 2019, Center for Court Innovation
- U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award 2016, 2017, & 2018
- Top 25 Pro Bono Advocates of 2015, Legal Services of New York

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Asylum Application Preparer, June 2022 - July 2022, Church World Service
- Founding Board Member, May 2020 - Present, Peer Defense Project
- Founder and Organizer, August 2020, Mobilize NYC Youth March
- Board Member, 2019 - Present, Grow Brooklyn
- Board Member, 2018 - Present, Art and Resistance Through Education
- Team Leader & Volunteer, 2016 - 2018, New York Cares